

LAWSON CALLS NAMES.

CHARGES THAT CONGRESSMAN HENRY AND SECRETARY McADOO KNEW OF LEAK.

The Peace Note Leak Investigation Develops Sensational Aspect When Thomas W. Lawson Testifies That He Had Information Connecting Cabinet Members, Senators and Officers of Federal Reserve Board With Scandal.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Thomas W. Lawson, hailed before the house rules committee to tell what he knew or had heard about a stock market leak on President Wilson's peace note or be punished, calmly declared today that the mysterious congressman who told him a cabinet officer, a senator and a banker were engaged in a stock gambling pool was none other than Representative Henry, chairman of the committee.

Then, before his hearers had time to recover from the shock, Lawson sprung one sensation after the other by declaring that the cabinet officer referred to was Secretary McAdoo, that the banker was H. Pliny Fisk of New York and that he knew the senator by the initial "O."

To complete the explosion Lawson went on to charge that Paul M. Warburg of the federal reserve board had knowledge of the leak machinery; repeated a rumor that Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, had made \$2,000,000 in the stock market, and mentioned a list of well known men whom he thought should be questioned. The committee promptly issued subpoenas for all of them.

Mr. Lawson said he had been told that Malcolm McAdoo, the secretary's brother, knew of the leak; as did C. D. Barney & Co. and Steward G. Gibboney of New York. A Mrs. Ruth Thomason Visconti of this city, he said, had declared to him in the presence of her attorney that Secretary Tumulty "received his bit" and W. W. Price, one of the White House correspondents, was the "go-between" for Tumulty and others.

H. Pliny Fisk, Lawson said, was the banker he referred to previously as dominating a cabinet officer and Archibald S. White, he said, had given him this information.

Representative Henry was said by Lawson to have told him at the conference which preceded the opening of the leak investigation of reports connecting the cabinet officer, banker and senator, and also had told him of reports that Secretary Lansing had been seen conferring with Bernard Baruch, the Wall street operator, who is said to have made a cleanup on the falling market which accompanied the peace note.

Lawson declared Henry had asked him on patriotic grounds not to press his charges. At no time, the Boston financier testified, did he ever say he had direct information.

When Lawson had finished his recital, Chairman Henry took the stand and swore that at no time had he mentioned to Lawson the names the financier brought out on the witness stand; that he had no information then and had none now of his own knowledge; and denied generally and completely all of Lawson's testimony relating to him.

When he had concluded Lawson rose and solemnly declared that every word he had uttered on the stand was the "truth, so help me God, without variation."

To back it up, Lawson said that immediately after leaving Henry at their first conference had laid his information before John O'Hare Cosgrave, Sunday editor of the New York World, Erman J. Ridgway, president of Everybody's Magazine, and Donald McDonald, publisher of a Boston financial paper.

"Call these men," he demanded, "and they will bear me out in what I say."

Almost in tears at Henry's absolute denial of his statements Lawson shouted:

"I'll make good here, and I won't go to jail as the goat."

Secretaries McAdoo and Tumulty and Mr. Price at once issued statements denying Lawson's references to them. The committee promptly ordered subpoenas for Ridgway, Cosgrave, Darburg, Fisk, Price, White, Malcolm McAdoo, Gibboney, Barney & Co., Mrs. Visconti and John R. Rathom, editor of the Providence Journal, who published some articles about "leaks." Secretaries Tumulty and McAdoo will appear without subpoena.

KNEW NOTHING OF IT.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 15.—Stuart G. Gibboney, named by Thomas W. Lawson in the investigation at Washington, is in Pittsburgh appearing as counsel before the United States court.

"I never knew a thing about the president's note until it appeared in the newspapers," he said tonight. "I never bought or sold a share of stock in my life and I have no connection with any of the others Mr. Lawson named. I am a friend of Secretary

McAdoo and in the pre-convention campaign of 1912 before the Baltimore convention was associated with Mr. McAdoo and W. F. McCombs, then national Democratic chairman, in organization work for the first Wilson campaign. I am ready and perfectly willing to go to Washington and appear before the committee of investigation at any time. I have no connection with the administration. The only possible cause I can conceive for my name being mentioned is because I am a friend of Mr. McAdoo or possibly because I am counsel for the comptroller of the currency in national bank receiverships in New York city."

Washington, Jan. 16.—The house committee investigating the "leak" today summoned a group of the nation's most powerful financiers, headed by J. P. Morgan and Frank A. Vanderbilt, to Washington to shed any possible light as to how the president's peace note reached Wall street. P. P. Davidson, Sol Wexler and Arthur Lipper were among those summoned.

Lawson continued on the stand this morning. He was constantly clashing with Chairman Henry and others of the committee. He said the Mexican war news had been peddled on Wall street for months.

New York, Jan. 16.—J. P. Morgan will probably go to Washington tomorrow to appear before the house committee that is investigating the peace note "leak." Frank A. Vanderbilt says he is ready to testify whenever the committee desires. Erman Ridgway and John Cosgrave refused to comment on Lawson's story.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Spreading a dragnet over the financial district of New York, the house rules committee today extended the peace note leak investigation to a general inquiry into the stock market. At an executive meeting the committee considered the advisability of employing expert counsel familiar with financial affairs to conduct the examination of witnesses. It also planned to ask congress tomorrow for an extension of time to report.

As the first step in enlarging the scope of the hearings, the committee subpoenaed J. P. Morgan, H. P. Davidson, F. A. Vanderbilt, Arthur Lipper, Sol C. Wexler and J. S. Bache. New York financiers.

Of interest with the summoning of the financiers was the disappearance of Mrs. Ruth Thomason Visconti, who Thos. W. Lawson says told him Secretary Tumulty "and others" had profited in the stock market by the leak and that William W. Price, one of the White House correspondents, had acted as the "go-between" in the affair, and received \$5,000 for his work. Sergeant-at-arms Gordan and several assistants tried in vain to find Mrs. Visconti. Mr. Lawson expressed great surprise at her disappearance.

Mrs. Visconti surprised the searchers tonight by reappearing at the apartment house in which she lives and which had been under surveillance since last night. A deputy sergeant-at-arms promptly served a subpoena directing her to appear before the committee tomorrow morning. She promised to be there.

Lawson, whose sensational testimony yesterday aroused the committee to go to the depths of the leak rumors occupied the witness stand again today, reviewing and supplementing his statements. At the outset Lawson attacked Representative Henry's denial of his testimony and emphatically declared that he or Henry was guilty of rank perjury. In a characteristic outburst, Lawson shouted his reiteration that he had told the truth.

"When there is a direct difference of opinion—stronger than a question of veracity," said Lawson, "it is perfectly obvious that one or the other of us is committing perjury, deliberate, rank perjury. Unless your chairman said the things that I have said he did, I am guilty of foul perjury and I am unfit to be here or anywhere outside the bars of a jail."

Lawson again brought the names of Secretary Lansing, Count von Bernstorff and Bernard Baruch into his testimony, as the men Chairman Henry had told him he had heard "leak" rumors about, and elaborated on his story told yesterday regarding Henry's alleged statements concerning them.

Marriage License Record.

A license to marry has been granted to B. R. Sanders, Jr., and Miss Nan Louise Team, Sumter. Licenses to colored couples are: Dave Stall and Nora Wright, Sumter; Marcus Young and Neallie Scott, Broad; Charlie McFadden and Rebecca McDonald, Mayesville.

Greeks Accept Allies' Demands.

London, Jan. 17.—British Minister Gressio telegraphed from Athens today that the Greeks had accepted the demands of the Allies in their entirety.

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You Folks of the South KNOW good blood!
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"King of Them All"

GREEKS WILL FIGHT.

Attempt to Dethrone King Constantine Will Bring Declaration of War Against Allies.

Paris, Jan. 17.—The attempted dethronement of King Constantine, of Greece, will be the signal for a declaration of war against the Allies, says an Athens dispatch today. It is reported that the Greeks have already moved their troops to strategic positions for attacking the Allies. A wireless station has been constructed at Larissa from which Gen. Falkenhayn communicates directly with Berlin.

COWS FOR CREAMERY.

Orangeburg Man Goes to Buy Cattle. Orangeburg, Jan. 15.—W. R. Elliott, special live stock agent who is working in Orangeburg county in connection with the Orangeburg creamery, will leave for Kentucky tonight to purchase two carloads of fine bred cows for patrons of the Orangeburg creamery. The people of Orangeburg county are awakening to the need of thoroughbred cattle and much of the fine cattle is coming in. The prospects for the Orangeburg creamery are bright.

Newberry, Tenn., Jan. 16.—Mrs. Edward Hall, a farmer's wife, was burned to death today her clothing catching from an open fireplace.

HOUSE ACCEPTS RESIGNATION.

State Warehouse Commissioner McLaurin Is Now Out of His Job.

Columbia, Jan. 17.—Without a dissenting vote and without debate the house this morning concurred in the senate resolution accepting the resignation of John L. McLaurin, as State warehouse commissioner.

The Liles bill providing for a penalty after January 1 of each year for the non-payment of taxes was killed by a vote of 68 to 50.

The calendar of the house was cleared this morning before the hour set for the elections.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY CHANGES.

Will Establish Southern Headquarters in Near Future.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The Southern Railway will shortly announce the reorganization of the system for business west of Chattanooga and north of Atlanta. The Southern headquarters will be either at Atlanta or Birmingham and the eastern at Washington. Many clerks will be sent from Washington to the western and southern headquarters.

Memphis, Jan. 17.—H. B. Harris and W. W. Wooten, former candy manufacturers, were today found guilty of conspiring to use the mails to defraud. Both formerly lived in Nashville.

A. K. SANDERS ELECTED.

Chosen Superintendent of State Penitentiary on Second Ballot.

Columbia, Jan. 17.—Following two ballots A. K. Sanders of Sumter county, in the general assembly today was elected superintendent of the State penitentiary to succeed Col. D. J. Griffith. He was opposed by Dr. L. K. Stuckey, of Orangeburg; J. H. Gosnell, of Spartanburg; P. H. Lesesne, of Columbia; J. S. Huffman, of Columbia; L. C. Wharton, of Union. Mr. Sanders got 82 votes out of a total of 163 on the last ballot.

SHIPS BELIEVED TO BE SUNK.

Thought That Twenty Ships Overdue Have Been Lost.

London, Jan. 17.—Over twenty ships long overdue are believed to have been sunk by a German raider. A Japanese steamship arrived off Pernambuco Monday with the masters and two hundred and forty of the crews of some of the lost vessels.

Real Estate Transfers.

H. J. Hicks to Gertrude D. E. Weeks, lot on West Liberty street, \$2,500.
C. C. Beck to Isaac Rabb O'Donnell Reynolds, lot in town of Rembert, \$250.
James Swinton to R. Baker Young, 10 acres in county, \$200.

Team-Sanders.

From The Daily Item, Jan. 17.
The home of Mr. J. J. Team on West Calhoun street was the scene of a pretty, but quiet wedding this morning at 9 o'clock when his daughter, Nan Louise, became the bride of Mr. Barwell Rhett Sanders, Jr.

The bride and groom were preceded to the improvised altar, by the ring-bearer, little Rae Wochner, where the ceremony was performed by Rev. W. E. Thayer, pastor of the bride.

Only the immediate family and a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony, after which the happy couple left for a few days stay in Charleston.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders wish them a long and happy life.

Baker School Honor Roll.

First Grade—Felicia Erwin.
Adv. First—Chandler Evans, Clifton Hudson, Harry Hudson.
Third Grade—Irene White, Alice Jones, Sammy Evans.
Fifth Grade—Belle Evans, May Evans, Agnes White.
Seventh Grade—Thomas Odom.
Eighth Grade—Bryan Odom, Jesse Beall.
Ninth Grade—None.

A license to marry has been issued to Robert McKnight and Minnie White, Sumter.